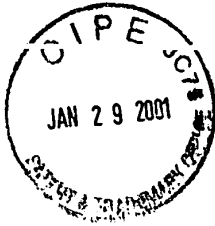


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. application of: Takeshi MORIKAWA
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF
IMAGE FORMATION IN A PLURALITY OF
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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED PROSECUTION

APPLICATION (CPA) PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application(CPA)), of Application Serial No. 08/941,459, filed on September 30, 1997, by Takeshi MORIKAWA, entitled IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF IMAGE FORMATION IN A PLURALITY OF MODES.

1. The above-identified prior Application Serial No. 08/941,459, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred,

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is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

2. Please use the file jacket and contents of the prior Application Serial No. 08/941,459, including the specification, drawings and declaration of the prior Application Serial No. 08/941,459, to constitute the new application.

3. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment which is being filed concurrently herewith, and which adds independent claims 31, 33, 34, and 35, and dependent claim 32.

4. Claims 4-6, 13-16, and 23-35 are now present in this application. Claims 4, 13, 23, 28, 31, and 33-35 are independent claims and claims 5-6, 14-16, 24-27, 29-30, and 32 are dependent claims.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims currently existing in the prior application Serial No. 08/941,459, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment being filed concurrently herewith.

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Fee	No. filed	No. extra*	Rate	Fee	OR	Rate	Fee
Basic fee				\$355	OR		\$710
Total claims	20-20=	0	X \$9=	\$0	OR	X \$18=	\$-0-
Independent claims	8-3=	5	X \$40=	\$0	OR	X \$80=	\$400
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5. Please charge the \$1.110 filing fee to Sidley & Austin's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please charge any additional fees (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this application to Sidley & Austin's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

6. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, extending the response period to January 29, 2001, is being filed concurrently herewith. The Petition includes authorization for charging the Petition fee against the Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

7. The prior application Serial No. 08/941,459 filed on September 30, 1997, is assigned of record by Takeshi MORIKAWA to MINOLTA CO., LTD. as recorded on Reel 8756, Frame 0751.

8. The Power of Attorney in the prior application Serial No. 08/941,459 was filed by Takeshi MORIKAWA and is to certain attorneys of SIDLEY & AUSTIN, Dallas, Texas. A Change of Correspondence Address in the prior Application Serial No. 08/941,459 was also filed on May 21, 1998. Please submit all correspondence to the following Dallas address.

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